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National Missing Children Day BBQ at the Capital

The Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF) and Missing Children Clearinghouse (MCC) will recognize National Missing Children Day on May 25th.

Proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan and honored by every administration since, May 25 is the day 6-year-old Etan Patz disappeared from a New York City street corner on his way to school in 1979. His case remains unsolved, and is an annual reminder to the nation to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families and make child protection a national priority.

The MECTF and MCC are hosting a barbecue on Thursday, May 25, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. outside the GA Building by the story pole. The cost is a \$5.00 donation. This event is supported by the Combined Fund Drive and donations are tax deductible. Donations will go to support specific needs such as training for detectives who specialize in investigating missing children and sexual exploitation of children cases.

Child ID kits will be available at the event.

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The Missing and Exploited Children Task Force is a multi-agency task force that assists law enforcement, state and federal agencies, and the proper custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) by conducting investigations on missing, abducted, and exploited children. For more information about the task force, please contact Detective Sergeant Dan Sharp at (360) 704-2390 or visit www.wsp.wa.gov/missing/ourkids.htm